Diploma Course in Homoeopathic Pharmacy

1151. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for starting Diploma course in Homoeopathic Pharmacy in Government recognised institutes in the country is under active consideration of Government;

(b) whether Government are also considering to have a prescribed syllabus for education and establishment of a Homoeopathic Pharmacy Council for registration of Homoeopathic Pharmacists; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Proposals for starting pharmacy courses in Homoeopathy, and setting up a homoeopathy pharmacy council are under the consideration of the Government.

IMC's Suggestion for Panel on Population Control

1152. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the plans/schemes commenced during the past few years to benefit the common man, could not yield tangible results because of population explosion;

(b) whether Indian Medical Council has suggested to Government for creation of a panel to suggest effective measures to control population explosion in the country; and

(c) if so, by when such a panel is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WEFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Fast growth of population has, to some extent, diluted the beneficial effects of the developmental programmes and schemes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In the recent past, the Government had constituted several high level committees and experts groups to advise it on the steps to be taken for population stabilization in the country. Taking into consideration suggestions from these Committees a draft National Policy has been prepared by the Ministry of Helath and Family Welfare, which is at present under Government's consideration. The draft Policy addresses some of the issues highlighted by the IMA resolution.

Imposition of Ban on Colouring of Foods and Drinks

1153. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even the permitted colours used in Sweets, Pastries, Colias, fast foods are injurious to health and even carcinogenic;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to curb and progressively ban all colouring of foods and drinks;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) The Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 permit only those colours which have been recognised as safe by FAO/WHO. Morever use of thse colurs is permitted only in specified articles of food within prescribed limits.